



King County
KING COUNTY ALCOHOLISM AND SUBSTANCE ABUSE
ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
JULY 6, 2006

Members Present: Linda Brown, Roger Goodman, Larry Hill, Tim King, Mariah O. Mitchell (awaiting County Executive's appointment)

Members Absent: Joan Clement, (excused), Michelle DiMiscio (excused), Dan Foley (excused), Patrick Godfrey (excused), Mary Alice Knotts (excused), Narayan Gangadhar (unexcused), Yasmin Smith (unexcused)

Guests Present: Pat Knox, Ardi Bury, Recovery Centers of King County; Bob Leonard, DASA-Region 4; Cathy Speelmon, Seattle Counseling Services

Staff Present: Mike Elsner, Rhoda Naguit, Jim Vollendroff

Board Chair Linda Brown convened the King County Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Administrative Board meeting at 12:05 p.m. The meeting was held at Safeco Jackson Street Center, Multi-Purpose Room, located at 306 23rd Avenue South, Seattle.

I. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Board Chair Linda Brown welcomed everyone present and asked that they introduce themselves.

After the introduction, Linda announced a change in the agenda. Mike Heinisch's presentation has been cancelled due to lack of authorization to release the information.

II. AGENCY CONCERNS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pat Knox, CEO of Recovery Centers of King County (RCKC), told the Board of RCKC's intention to purchase the Detox/Inpatient Facility located at 1701 18th Avenue South, Seattle. The agency has been leasing this building for the past seven years and the rent is escalating. Currently, their monthly rent is \$28,000 and is projected to increase. Owning the building would provide a more stable base of operation. RCKC Board of Directors strongly supports the plan and is working with the RCKC Administrative Staff and a consultant to develop and implement a plan to finance the purchase. Funding is complicated and will need both King County and State support to access some of the Federal funds that are

available. RCKC will also need to obtain a bridge loan as a part of the financing package.

Pat Knox asked the Board for a letter of support to the King County Executive for RCKC's purchase of the facility.

Discussion followed. Several providers shared their own dilemmas with unpredictable rent increases. The question of why the County would support the efforts of an agency to purchase a facility to operate their business was raised. Jim Vollendroff responded and said that the detox and inpatient services provided by RCKC are critical parts of the treatment system in King County and that the agency has had an outstanding performance in providing detox services in King County over a number of years. Division support of the efforts of RCKC to purchase the facility does not indicate financial support but recognition and support of the concept and the effort to seek the necessary funding. Both Board members and other providers present were in support of the effort.

Due to lack of quorum, the Board failed to act on the request. Board Chair Linda Brown will seek input from other Board members by email before writing a letter to the King County Executive.

III. CD SYSTEM UPDATE

Jim Vollendroff, using a PowerPoint presentation, provided an overview of the King County drug and alcohol treatment delivery system, which includes priorities and issues affecting the system.

Jim briefly explained the creation of a 7-15 member citizens' Administrative Board under RCW 70.96A. Under RCW 70.96A the Board is required to approve and recommend the King County Plan before it is submitted to the Division of Alcohol and Substance Abuse (DASA) in April 2007. For the first time, the County Plans will be in effect for 6 years rather than for the 2-year biennium. The presentation was designed to give Board members the context and background they will need to participate in the planning process and to review and recommend the final plan before it is submitted to DASA.

A copy of the PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to Board members for their review. (The decision was made not to include all of the detailed information in the minutes for Board members will have the information in the emailed PowerPoint.) The presentation included a review of the biennial budget, the provider network and the services that are provided in the County.

The critical issues facing the system that will need to be addressed in the County Plan that will be submitted in April 2007 include:

1. Funding - Only 20% of those in need of and who qualify for treatment are able to receive it.
2. Reimbursement rates that are inadequate and do not reflect the fact that the cost of doing business is higher in King County.
3. Shortage of qualified Chemical Dependency Professionals.

Board members are asked to review the PowerPoint presentation they will receive by email and to bring questions or comments at the next Board meeting.

Jim also reminded the Board of the leadership changes at DASA with Doug Allen's appointment as Director. Jim suggested that the Board invite Doug Allen to the next meeting to discuss DASA priorities and challenges including meeting the Treatment Enhancement enrollment goals. The meeting would also provide an opportunity for the Board to present some of the challenges King County faces. The Board asked Jim to invite Mr. Allen to attend the September Board meeting.

IV. RECOVERY GARDEN UPDATE

The sale of cobblestones is progressing but they can still be bought for engraving. The Recovery Garden Workgroup with the Legislative, Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee is working on plans for the dedication of the Recovery Garden in late September or early October.

V. LIAISON REPORTS

Legislative Advocacy and Public Affairs Committee: Roger Goodman

July Meeting is cancelled.

Children and Family Commission: Michelle DiMiscio

Michelle provided the following written summary of the May 8, 2006 meeting of the Children and Family Commission:

- An **early childhood TV program** proposed working in alliance with the Children & Family Commission (CFC); a more specific proposal will be presented at a future meeting so that the CFC can take action.
- **Veterans & Human Services Levy Update:**
 - The CFC with DOH has supported programming to support families of Vets from prenatal to 1 yr. The CFC would like to change this from prenatal to 3 years.
 - The money will be targeted to infant mental health, maternal mental health and the family court program.
 - Liz Gilbert from Mental Health and Janet Wilson from Homelessness are being consulted in order to weave services together from different departments so as not duplicate services.

- The Best Practice Prevention Programs subgroup debriefed on their plan to spend \$1.5 million
- The Marketing Committee – produced a confidential 5 year marketing plan that builds in parent groups as part of the constituency to sustain specific goals in the marketing plan. A media component is part of the plan. The commission was very satisfied with the amount of efficient work of the sub-committee that produced a results oriented, quality plan to the commission, in only 3 months.

VI. OLD/NEW BUSINESS

A. One-tenth of 1% Sales Tax Update

Doug Stevenson did a briefing on this issue for the full County Council on June 19, 2006. Joan Clement represented the CD Board on one on the panel presentations. Council members are interested in the potential of this initiative but are concerned about timing and how the funds might be used. The Community and Human Services Department is leading a planning process that involves multi-system stakeholders.

B. August Board Meeting

The Board decided to cancel the regular August meeting.

C. Joint Board Meeting

The Board instructed Linda to work with the King County Mental Advisory Board to schedule the Joint Board Meeting this year in October on our regular meeting date of October 5, 2006. Since the CD Board is hosting the Joint Meeting this year, it will be held at the CD Board meeting time of 12 noon-1:30pm at Safeco Jackson Street Center, 306 23rd Avenue South, Seattle.

Linda will discuss the agenda with the MH Board at their next meeting. Possible topics include legislative priorities and an update on the Veterans and Human Services Levy.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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Board Chair